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Sir Thomas is not much of a cup winner, but he is a good "jollier."

Read *The Commoner's* educational offer and learn how to secure a college education.

By this time the trusts have discovered that the big stick is only a very softly stuffed club.

Western farmers are hoping that the corn will play *Reliance* to Jack Frost's *Shamrock III*.

Organization is the best remedy for demoralization. Organize a democratic club in your voting precinct.

The 2:00 minute trotter arrived far and away ahead of the trust busting republican administration.

The "unspeakable Turk" always manages to find his voice when apologies and promises are in order.

The man who originated the expression "The Sublime Porte" must certainly have meant it "sarkastickle."

Presumably Mr. Pulitzer's school of journalism will not teach its students to keep track of their own editorials.

Secretary Shaw has stretched a point for the banks, a thing he has not yet shown any disposition to do for the people.

Admiral Dewey says our navy is deficient, and Spain may be pardoned if she believes that Uncle George is merely joking.

Doubtless Mr. Root would have thrown a terrific strain on his "Ready Letter Writer" if Mr. Roosevelt had quit first.

A great many republican organs are trying to find some other explanation than demand for the increased price of silver.

The "shacklingcunningaswchaveshackledforce" portion of Mr. Roosevelt's 1903 Labor Day speech seems to have been omitted.

Defeat in a manly fight for principle will be more profitable in the long run than victory in a dishonest scramble for political pie.

Turkey and China must understand that they are the most available material upon which to try the "big stick" flourishing business.

Aguinaldo's advice to his countrymen to quit gambling is all right, and it is the kind of advice that should be heeded in Wall street.

The Chicago Chronicle manages to keep itself so busy telling what Mr. Bryan has that it has no time to explain how Mr. Cleveland got it.

The Langley airship has again postponed its launching. The race between the Langley launching and the Cleveland boom is becoming very exciting.

We are of the opinion that some English sportsman will win the cup long before a republican administration rids itself of the grafters.

It is not ill health that prevents Mr. Hanna from engaging in a joint debate with Mr. Clark. Mr. Hanna's bump of discretion is growing larger every day.

Why blame Mr. Secretary Shaw? How is he to know what kind of currency legislation to advocate when even Wall street has not been able to agree?

The republican organs are predicting victory in Ohio with the inflection and emphasis and vituperation that indicates their disbelief in their own predictions.

The Massachusetts theory that some men are too big to be elected to a small office often results in electing to large office men who are entirely too small.

The Ohio democratic platform is being severely criticised by a lot of democrats who never lose an opportunity to vote for republican candidates and policies.

We gather from some Ohio republican exchanges that Mr. Rockefeller was mortally insulted when the democrats nominated Monnett for attorney general.

Lieutenant Peary announces that he is about to make another dash for the pole. This will stir up those whose duty it is to dash after the dashers for rescue purposes.

Mr. Quay says he has heard of no opposition to Roosevelt. But Mr. Quay has long been in the habit of closing his ears to a great many things—justice, for example.

Owing to the fact that it permitted a display of big stick flourishing the president acted hastily in the Beirut affair. He is much more leisurely in the trust smashing business.

Mr. Secretary Cortelyou has been conferring with the president concerning the coal situation. The trouble is, however, that the conferences between the coal barons amounts to something.

The "Subscribers' Advertising Department" brings results. It was inaugurated for the especial benefit of Commoner subscribers and they are invited to seize the opportunities it affords.

The agricultural department recently advertised in a Washington paper for a "first-class grafter." However, the chances in other departments were so good that no one sought a change.

The Chicago Chronicle says: "Mr. Cleveland would poll every democratic vote in the land." Is the Chronicle still figuring that the 140,000 men who voted for Palmer and Buckner are the only democrats?

Sir Thomas Lipton's hope of winning the cup appears to be as futile as the hope of the American people that an administration that owes its existence to the trusts will undertake to curb trust rapacity.

The Ohio supreme court threatens to send Tom Johnson to jail for contempt. If the Ohio supreme court goes into the jailing business it will have to make some very extensive additions to the jail facilities.

Attention is again called to *The Commoner's* educational offer. A college education is within the reach of any energetic and ambitious young man or woman who will take hold and hustle. Correspondence is invited.

A great deal of the ridicule aimed at Congressman Baker because of his refusal to accept a railroad pass comes from the eminent gentlemen who are never caught without the pasteboards, but sadly fear that they may be.

The announcement that Mr. Rockefeller is short \$80,000,000 by reason of the late drying-out of Wall street may be taken as an indication that the price and the smell of the oil will be increased contemporaneously.

Chicago physicians are astonished because a man in that city is alive after having his heart severed. Did these physicians ever study the cases of the wholly heartless men who traffic in the bodily comfort of the people?

The Houston Post remarks that Tom Johnson's speech of acceptance in no wise justifies the republican press in dubbing him a socialist. Does the Post really think that the republican press ever stops to look for a justification?

It seems rather odd, when you come to think about it, that republican financiers never think of "remedial financial legislation" when it is the people who suffer, but always create a great commotion when Wall street is the patient.

Coal mines are being shut down because the market is "glutted," and prices are being hoisted because there is a "famine." The presidential method of dealing with the coal question seems to have been quite agreeable to the operators.

Is it possible that Mr. Miller is to be sacrificed after all, just for the purpose of correcting what promised to be a huge political blunder? Somehow or other the boasted independence we have been hearing about seems to be badly battered.

Improvement in the consular service is the order of the day. The consuls are a long ways off. What's the matter with a little improvement in the postoffice service? And the Indian bureau service? And in other departments operating right here at home?

Secretary Shaw has loaned a lot of the people's money to banks on chips and whetstones. He would, however, throw a financial fit at the suggestion that he might loan the people's money to the people on the security that is the foundation of wealth.

"The good old name of Sullivan" is quite prominent in American affairs today. One Sullivan has been elected head of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, another is running for governor of Iowa, and another is a candidate for re-election to the supreme bench in Nebraska.

The Chicago Chronicle says that "Mr. Cleveland is the man to restore the old-time conditions." That is why the people will have none of him, but it may explain why the bond gamblers and those who profit by special privileges are so enthusiastically supporting him.

Several esteemed exchanges want to know what excuse the coal barons can offer for advancing the price of coal. They do not need to advance an excuse. Indeed, they are so busy advancing the price of coal that they would have no time to advance any excuses.

The wily Abdul Hamid is quite well aware that he will not be disturbed until the powers can agree as to a division of his territory. And as such an agreement is not at all likely to be reached Abdul will go right ahead doing what he pleases and apologizing as often as may be necessary.

It is difficult to decide whether Mr. Parry is trying to out-Chronicle the Chronicle on the organized labor question, or whether the Chronicle is trying to out-Parry Parry. Betwixt flying foam and inoperative ink the two worthies manage to keep up a highly entertaining, but indecisive competition.

A vigorous enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust law's criminal clause would render unnecessary so many conferences between Mr. Cortelyou and the president. But it would necessitate a whole lot more between the official fat-fryer of the g. o. p. campaign committee and the treasurer of that organization.

If Abdul Hamid wants to perform a coup he will surreptitiously anchor a few rocks and reefs along his coast and then invite the American navy to come on. For several months past our warships have been engaged in discovering uncharted rocks by butting them hard enough to tilt the earth over sideways.

The confidence men have been at work again—this time near Boston. A man, described as "an honest old fellow," was induced to put up \$2,000 in the expectation of reaping a profit of \$10,000 or \$15,000, and of course he lost, as he deserved to lose. The world is full of people who are trying to get something for nothing and they usually wind up by getting nothing for something. Just as foolish are those democrats who expect to win a victory over the republicans by any other course than the open, honest and constant one in behalf of the public on all questions.